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sender, freight and baggage-cars from \$55,000 to 1,092,000. The capital invested in railroads as represented by bonds and capital stock was a little less than \$5,000,000,000 in 1889 and a little less than \$10,000,000,000 in 1890.

ECHOES OF VANISHED DAYS.

Renan in His Old Age Compared Youthfully
 with Himself at Nineteen

The beautiful allegory, of which

in his "Recollections of My Youth," says the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, is thus translated, the translation being written by C. B. Pitman, and revised by Mme. Renan:

"One of the most popular legends in Brittany is that relating to an imaginary town called Is, which is supposed to have been swallowed up by the sea at some unknown time. There are several places along the coast which are pointed out as the site of this imaginary city, and the fishermen have many strange tales to tell of it. According to them, the tips of the spires of the churches may be seen in the hollow of the waves when the sea is rough, while during a calm the music of their bells ringing out the hymn appropriate to the day rises above the waters. I often fancy that I have at the bottom of my heart the city of Is; with its bells calling to prayer a recalcitrant congregation. At times I halt to listen to these gentle vibrations, which seem as if they came from immeasurable depths, like voices from another world. Since old age began to steal over me, I have loved, more especially during the season which summer brings with it, to gather up those distant echoes of a vanished Atlantis."

ENGLISH NOBILITY.

LORD SHANNON, who before his accession to the title served on a ranch in Manitoba, is now known among his friends as the "Cowboy Peer."

The new duke of Bedford is as fond of rural seclusion as his brother was and has hardly been seen in London since his return from India.

PROFOUND disappointment is reported in English royal family circles because the second infant of the duchess of Fife is a girl. The prince of Wales and the duke of York are still the only male heirs to the throne.

LORD MONCKSWELL has succeeded in getting the approval of the British house of lords for a return that is set forth what each peer draws from the government in the way of salary pension pay or other allowance.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE's salary has been increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000 in consequence of his promotion to the rank of ambassador to this country. This makes his compensation exactly double that paid to our ambassador to the court of St. James.

AMERICAN CITIES

THERE are 10,000 Hollanders in the chief cities of the United States—more than half of them, 5,500, in Chicago.

There are 1,400 Mexicans in San Francisco. There are 2,203 Cubans in New York city and 1,200 in Brooklyn. There are 18,000 Hungarians in the chief American cities—12,200 of them in New York and 3,200 in Cleveland.

THERE are 7,000 Welshmen in the chief American cities—2,500 in Pittsburgh, 1,600 in Chicago, 1,300 in Cleveland and 1,000 in New York and Philadelphia.

There are sixteen American cities having more than 200,000 population. Of these sixteen Cleveland has the largest proportion of foreign-born inhabitants. Washington has the smallest.

THERE are 60,000 Bohemians in the chief American cities—25,000 of them in Chicago, 10,000 in Cleveland, 8,000 in New York, 2,300 in St. Louis and 1,400 in Milwaukee.

Wild Animals in Texas.
Wolves, coyotes, wild cats and panthers in Texas are multiplying under the protection of the barbed-wire fence and the apathy of the State legislature. A few years since a thorough scale

would have settled forever the wild animal question in Texas at a small expense. Now it will cost twice the money and meantime stealers

farmers have lost many times the more in calves, colts, and sheep killed. In a few years things will be much worse. A ranchman, G. A. Anderson, of Kinney County, has been compelled to buy a pack of hounds and turn huntsman to protect his flock from the increasing ravages of panthers. The same thing is happening all over Texas.

Following instructions.

At a hotel a waiter came out of the coffee-room and informed the manager that a man was raising a disturbance because he could not have his accustomed seat at the table. "Go in again," said the manager, "and propitiate him in some way." Back went the waiter and said, "If you don't like the way things are done here you can get out, I'll propitiate you pretty quick."

